

Health and Well Being Workgroup Survey Results

Home Visiting

- Scale up home visiting – requires resources (this was the most frequently mentioned item on the survey)

Health

- Improve vaccination rates, education of parents
- Ensure all babies are born at terms (lower prematurity rates)
- Health homes for all children (including dental)
- Access to health insurance coverage and a medical home

Children with Developmental Delays and Disabilities

- Increased screenings – fully fund system for follow up
- For children on the autism spectrum, early diagnosis early intensive intervention
- There should be a formal systematic follow up for NICU babies at 3, 6 and 12 months to ensure these children are receiving adequate supports.
- Increased education and training of health professionals with respect to identifying disabilities as early as possible (such as but not limited to autism spectrum disorders), making appropriate referrals, and working effectively with children and families. This should begin in the school setting (medical, nursing, dental, PA, etc.) and be continuing education effort.
- Promotion of medical homes for children who have special health care needs to ensure an interdisciplinary approach to health care, therapies and other services.

Childhood Hunger and Obesity Prevention

- Data and best practices available; can be scaled up through collaborations, and existing networks.
- These efforts should include children with disabilities who are often not directly targeted in mainstream efforts.

Behavioral Health

- Education of teachers and pre-screening for mental health for children